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### Fulbright's Assessment

There's a general feeling that the Cuban "invasion" was botched. Senator Fulbright, after investigating, says the fault lies with many persons, including the White House, Defense Department (Pentagon), Central Intelligence Agency, and State Department.

It's incredible that those U.S. agencies deliberately fostered an invasion of Cuba by rebels preparing on American soil, and lost the battle within a few hours. We would sooner think that the government in Washington knew the invasion would fail, and still favored it, for whatever favorable results might stem from the propaganda effects in South America, and in the Soviet world.

Whether those benefits have accrued to us, or will, is something we must wait to learn. The President's prediction that things would be worse before they are better lends some credence, we think, to our theory that this was a flanking move, diplomatically; a sort of letting up to get a better hold.